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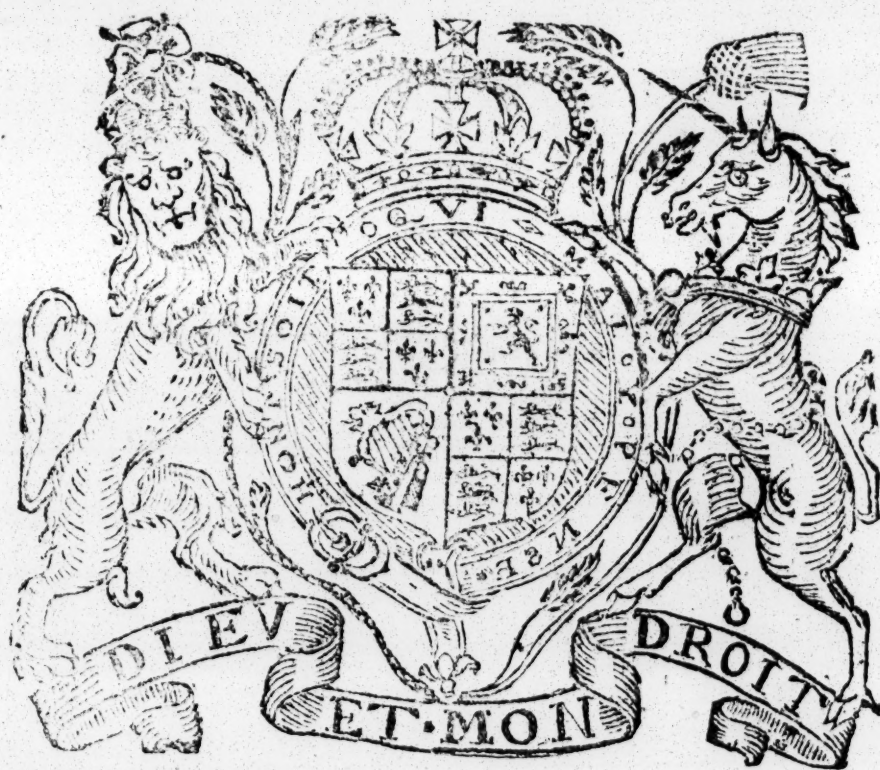
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On Wednesday the 15th. of December, 1680.

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On *Wednesday* the 15th of *December* 1680.

My Lords and Gentlemen.



T the opening of this Parliament
I did acquaint You with the Allie^s
ances I had made with *Spain* and
Holland, as the best Measures that
could be taken for the Safety of
England, and the Repose of *Chri-*
stendom.

But I told you withall, That if Our Friendship
became unsafe to trust to, it would not be won-
dred at, if Our Neighbours should begin to take new
Resolutions, and perhaps such as might be fatal to Us.

I must now tell you, That Our Allies cannot but
see how little has been done since this Meeting.
to encourage their dependance upon Us : And I find
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by them, that unless We can be so united at home, as to make Our Alliance valuable to them, it will not be possible to hinder them from seeking some other Refuge, and making such new Friendships, as will not be consistent with Our Safety. Consider, that a neglect of this Opportunity is never to be repaired.

I did likewise lay the matter plainly before you touching the estate and condition of *Tangier*, I must now tell you again, That if that Place be thought worth the keeping, you must take such consideration of it, that it may be speedily suppli'd; it being impossible for Me to preserve it at an Expence so far above My power.

I did promise you the fullest satisfaction your hearts could wish, for the Security of the Protestant Religion, and to concur with you in any Remedies, which might consist with preserving the Succession of the Crown in its Due and Legal course of Descent: I do again, with the same Reservations, renew the same Promises to you.

And being thus ready on My part to do all that can reasonably be expected from Me, I should be glad to know from you, as soon as may be, how far I shall be assisted by you, and what it is you desire from Me.